

News of the Week

Man and Wife Burned in Their Dwelling.

A fire in the west side of the town of Bloomington, Ill., destroyed the residence of a man and his wife, an aged Irishman named Redington, was rescued by neighbors almost unharmed, but his wife, who had not escaped, was badly burned and died during the night. The remains of his wife were subsequently taken from the embers.

The Chinese Question.

At San Francisco, the news of efforts being made by the Eastern press, clergy, etc., to induce the President to veto the anti-Chinese bill created much uneasiness and called forth from the press a strong and unanimous protest. On all sides, publicly and privately, expression was given to the general sentiment that the veto of the bill would be nothing less than a calamity to California and the Pacific Coast. Party distinctions were disregarded in the earnest desire that Congress should not be misled by the course of the Executive. The Connecticut House unanimously adopted a resolution declaring that the proposed law restricting Chinese immigration is in flagrant violation of the sacred and homestead rights of the people of the United States, and with the broad principles of human freedom, and it is the earnest hope that its provisions may never disgrace our national statutes.

Passenger Train Wrecked and Broken to Pieces.

A horrible accident occurred at Mulberry Creek Bridge, thirteen miles north of Selma, Alabama, the other morning. An unusual frost had swept under the bridge, which is fifty feet high, and undermined it. When a passenger train passed upon it in the morning, the locomotive had got hardly across when the engineer heard a terrific noise and looked around to see the bridge go down with the entire train, making it into fragments. On looking below, the passengers, all of whom were crippled and badly bruised, were endeavoring to escape from the debris, when it is reported the train took fire.

George Evans, of Selma, was taken out dead.

General Superintendent M. Stanton, who was fatally wounded, dragged himself out of the water to the bank of the stream and sank down unconscious.

Conductor White was fatally injured. All the passengers were severely bruised. The entire train is a wreck, the baggage and second-class cars were broken to pieces.

Fort Wayne Troubles.

A correspondent of the Cincinnati Gazette gives an account of one day's "horror" in Fort Wayne, Ind. Frederick Becker committed suicide by hanging himself in a garret with a chain. He was a German, aged forty-five, and leaving a large family. He was a workman, and was afflicted with loss of work and severe epileptic fits.

Young Coonan, aged fifteen, was found hanging in his father's barn, in Fremont Township. The cause of his hanging is not known.

Startling revelations concerning two forgotten murders are printed in the Indianapolis Sentinel, being the confessions of a prostitute named Mary Durrer. The murders spoken of are those of James Newell and Lizzie Early, both committed in the winter of 1876-77. She asserts that she was present at both of them; that Lizzie Early was killed by Walter Dunham and Perry Tracy, and that Newell was killed by Tracy, John Garney, and another man named Ned Green. Garney is dead, and Tracy and Dunham are now serving out a life sentence in prison for the killing of James O'Brien. Mary Durrer's confessions are very startling, and give all the details of the horrible crimes to which they refer.

Salt War.

The Third Battalion of the Sixth Rifles left Colchester, England, a few mornings since, for the Cape of Good Hope. The troops were decorated with laurels, and green and white. The corporation presented an address to the troops, wherein the hope was expressed that they would recover the colors of the Twenty-fourth Regiment. Colonel Pemberton replied. The troops marched to the railway station, accompanied by four companies of the Buffs. The chartered steamer Dublin Castle, from London, with the Third Battalion of the Sixth Regiment, and Pretoria, from Southampton, with the Ninety-first Highlanders, sailed the following morning. Several letters were being sent for troops.

Advices from Cape Town, January 29, via Madeira, are as follows: Colonel Woods' column was attacked January 24 by four thousand Zulus. The enemy were dispersed with but trifling loss to Colonel Woods' command.

Several attacks on Pearson's column and other columns have been repulsed, but the gravity of the situation has not been exaggerated. The enemy are concentrating troops. Ekeke, and another man, are being shot. A grand attack is daily expected. Colonel Woods is falling back to cover Utrecht.

Family Tragedy in Tennessee.

A special dispatch from the Cincinnati Gazette from Morristown, Tenn., says: "The little country town of Sneadville, Hancock County, near Morristown, has witnessed a tragedy that exhibits a curious phase of justice. About eight miles from the village there lived a few weeks ago a family of well-to-do farmers called the Eppersons. The family consisted of the father, mother, four sons, and two daughters. The father was a good man, but was occasionally under the influence of drink. At such times he was dangerous, early, and unmanageable. There had been some talk about the relations of the man and his wife, but it was generally believed that there was nothing serious between them.

A short time since, Epperson came home one day under the influence of liquor, and at once began to quarrel with his wife. A few moments they came to blows, and he was beating her very severely. At this juncture Joe, one of the sons, ran in, and seeing the state of things, went to the protection of his mother. He was very angry, and, having been born with only one arm, he interfered in the fight the father turned from his wife and attacked Joe savagely, declaring he would kill him. Being hard pressed, Joe whipped out a knife and commenced cutting at his father. The father, in the excitement, took the knife and threw it at Joe, and the old man fell to the floor. In the meantime his elder brother had entered the room, and seeing Joe engaged in a deadly conflict with his father, determined to take his father's part. He, therefore, drew his pistol and leveled it at his brother. Before he could fire his mother ran between Joe and the pistol, and received the ball in her breast. The son fired again, and this time struck his sister in the knee; and once again, this time giving a boy brother a flesh wound.

The fracas was stopped here by the condition of the father and mother. In a short time the mother died, having been shot by her eldest son. Before dying, she begged that her slayer should not be presented, as she had killed her unintentionally, and she did not blame him for interfering for her father. The father died, also, having been killed by his second son. It is said that before he died he also forgave his slayer, saying that he was right to take the part of his mother. The sister, who had been shot in the knee by her eldest brother, died also.

A Boston Boy Hanging in Knoxville.

George Washington, black, who, with a confederate, horribly outraged a little German girl, named Anna, at the residence of 19, was hanged at Knoxville on the 21st of

February. A correspondent who witnessed the execution says that at half-past one o'clock the prisoner was placed upon the trap and the black cap was drawn over his head. He manifested great firmness here. No cry escaped him, and he was observed to place his feet firmly upon the floor of the scaffold, and to hold his hands, as if he were trying to make out on what sort of a ground he was standing. His legs were with a rope and his hands were fastened behind him. The rope was placed around his neck, and, at a sign from the Sheriff, the cord was cut. The body went down like a flash. There was a dull, terrible thud. The rope had broken. A cry of horror went up from the crowd. The rig through which the rope ran was too small, and the rope too long, it being probably four feet. The cord broke exactly in the ring. When the criminal fell his neck was broken. He lay upon the ground perfectly limp. The curious crowd around him, and were driven back by the police. The almost lifeless body lay on the steps of the scaffold, and allowed to drop upon the floor while the rope was being adjusted. In the excitement of the moment no one thought of loosening the rope which was drawn around his neck. He lay there probably five minutes, and, when he was finally raised up, he was found to be dead. He was not already dead. He had every appearance of a corpse when he was dragged upon the trap again. On his white shirt bosom was a batch of blood which spurted out from his mouth. His horrible appearance was a terrible terror to the hearts of the spectators.

At 11:54 he was swung off again, and this time there was no mistake. He was so limp, however, that no drop was possible. At 11:55 his pulse ceased, and he was dead. The body was lowered to the ground. The corpse was then lowered to the ground. The corpse was then lowered to the ground.

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Did Mr. Solomon say? A. Just as many as the Supreme Court should order us to certify.

Q. The \$100,000 offer had no temptation for you? A. Well, sir, I don't care to vaunt my virtue.

Q. I amply repeat my question. I had no temptation for you? A. Not under those circumstances.

Q. Just explain what those circumstances were? A. Well, \$100,000 is a pretty large sum, and likely to influence anybody, but not enough to induce me to betray the whole trust of the community.

Q. How much was Solomon to get on this transaction for being gotten? A. That is for Mr. Solomon to answer. He never told me. We have been acquainted for several years.

Q. Prior to his offering the \$100,000, or engaging in this little scheme to corrupt your virtue, what was your opinion of him, or would it have been altered by this proposition? A. I was not surprised at his proposal, because I was well acquainted with him.

Q. You knew what sort of a man he was, but you thought he did not know what kind of a man you were? A. Well, I think he had, perhaps, some hope that I would accept of it when he first came to me, but I quenched that hope at the very first conversation.

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"I have not the slightest suspicion. It was given me by Senator Kellogg for my own purpose. He told me this: 'Look ye, this letter that Jewett has written to me, and the debate on the whole matter, was adopted—years, 131; years, 122—a strict party vote, with the exception of Messrs. Hiseock and Tamm, who voted with the Republicans in the negative. Mr. Finley then appeared at the bar of the House, and read the letter to me, and when we were discussing what we should do he said he certainly meant to show it to some of the leaders of the party, so that it should not be supposed that he was suppressing it. He showed the letter to three persons, but without success.'

Gen. Butler said he had suggested to the Chairman to have Jewett called, and then this letter was produced to prejudice the body of the House, and to combine or conspire by which his letter should be shot down, he wished to find out. Here a witness came to the stand and quite incidentally, of course, had the letter in his pocket, and, after a little coyness, he produced it when he first came to me, but I quenched that hope at the very first conversation.

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